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essentially making amendments to bills on Select File require the identical number of votes as required on General File. Mr. President, we have a motion to suspend the Rules and introduce a series of bills from the Judiciary Committee. Signed, Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER: Well, we will take that up later. I want to get on with this bill, Mr. Clerk. Is there anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, besides that one.

SPEAKER: OK. Senator Chambers, there is a motion by Senator DeCamp to indefinitely postpone your LB 184. He did not want to take it up until you returned to the floor. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President...Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I talked to Senator DeCamp about this bill and I told him yesterday that I got word from the fiscal analyst office that there was going to be a revised fiscal impact note due to the fact that an amendment changed the effective date of this bill from July to January of 1974, and had I been here, I would have objected to its being unbracketed and I wish I'd been called about this prior to the unanimous consent motion being accepted. I haven't got the note yet and I told him that it was in the works, so I don't know why he asked for the unanimous consent to unbracket it when I wasn't here and he knew that I would have told him as soon as I got the note, and I told him as soon as I got the note I'd be willing to unbracket it and they could entertain this kill motion.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the fiscal impact is not the issue at all of this bill and could not change my feelings one iota, nor would it change, I would suspect, a majority of people who I would hope would vote to kill it. The important thing is that I agreed originally with Senator Chambers to wait until LB 12 which was the Omaha district bill was finished so that this would not have any influence, would not...would not be damaging to his bill. I have kept that promise in full. The moment LB 12 was done and the first opportunity I had to raise this bill and kill it, I am doing it as I promised. My main objection, as I have stated, to this bill are that it is simply improper at this time, at least, for rural Nebraska. Now, realize that this bill was introduced by Senator Chambers whose expertise in rural Nebraska, I would guess, is probably less than some of the other Senators in this room. Senator Chambers has stated on more than one occasion, in fact, I have heard him state it on this floor that until you've walked a mile in his shoes you really don't know what it is like, for instance, to live in the ghetto or suffer racial prejudice and this type of thing. Well, I would suggest that until Senator Chambers has walked a mile in the shoes of our rural Senators and have some knowledge of what the climate and walking conditions are like that he not try to prescribe the size of shoe we should wear and how to walk and with that request, I would say that we should kill this bill and send it to the happy hunting ground of bills that are before their time or don't fit the needs of the people.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it always gives me great pleasure to do battle with my friend, Senator DeCamp, although I generally feel like a bully. It's not right to put a heavyweight against a lightweight, but we do have certain understandings between ourselves, so I'm not going to treat him roughly. This will not be a rough and tumble debate. I'm not going to try and strip any flesh from his hide,